SKREEE!
GAH!
HSSSSSK
GASP
Wait, wait, what are you doing?
I'm a raven, like you!
HAASK!
HAASK, VI KATAP'N PLAUT SU FROOS!
CAN'T I LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR FIVE MINUTES WITHOUT YOU DEVOURING SOMEONE IMPORTANT?!

WELL, WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? A MINUTE MORE AND THESE HARPIES WOULD HAVE DONE ME IN!
I'M ASKING THE QUESTIONS HERE, MIDGE WING! WHO ARE YOU? WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?
OW! I'm a Raven, like you! OW!
YOU HAVE VERY PALE EYES FOR A RAVEN. LET YOUR LEFT EYE SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS OR I'LL CLAW IT OUT.
Well, it's kind of complicated, see, technically I'm not- waitWAITWAIT!
STELLER, THIS IS YOUR CONSCIENCE. DON'T KILL THE MIDGE-WING, IT ISN'T RIIIGHT.
SERIOUSLY THOUGH, HE'S WITH ME.
GENERAL. YOU'RE DRIPPING ON MY WINGS.

HERE VANIJI, I FOUND YOUR STAFF. YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM, STELLER. VANIJI IS TECHNICALLY NOT A RAVEN. SOMETIMES HE JUST... FORGETS HIS PLACE.
SNOW, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?! OF ALL THE TIMES FOR YOU TO GO GALLIVANTING OFF ON YOUR OWN...
IT WASN'T GALLIVANTING. I WAS STUCK IN A WELL. THAT'S A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE.
ALL THAT DROWNING MUST HAVE ADDLED MY BRAINS, IT TOOK ME FOREVER TO REMEMBER.
DOH! OF COURSE! I CAN TELEPORT! SO I POPPED RIGHT UP TO THE SURFACE.
BAM! STRAIGHT INTO A TREE! MY LEG JUST SORT OF FUSED WITH THE ROOTS AND THERE I WAS, STUCK AGAIN!
IT'S OKAY THOUGH, IT WAS THE METAL LEG, SO IT GREW BACK. IT DIDN'T EVEN HURT!
WHY THE RAVEN CHOSE A FOOL LIKE YOU TO BE HIS HERALD, I'LL NEVER KNOW.
AW, STELLER, ARE WE STILL BITTER ABOUT THAT? STILL JEALOUS?
IT DOESN'T.... IT DOESN'T MATTER, SNOW. I AM HERE, AND THE OTHERS ARE COMING. THE RAVEN HAS PLACED YOU IN CHARGE, SO AS LOYAL SERVANTS TO HIM WE ARE AT YOUR COMMAND... GENERAL.

Wait a minute, who is 'we'?
YOU DIDN'T THINK THE RAVEN WOULD LEAVE A JOB LIKE THIS TO YOUR LITTLE BAND, DID YOU?
Captain? It seems we have encountered reinforcements.
CRUSTLE
THE RAVEN CAN FEEL THAT THE REMAINING HEIRS ARE TOGETHER, RIGHT WHERE WE WANT THEM.
THE GREAT RAVEN'S ARMY IS AT YOUR SERVICE.

HMMM... YES.
I CAN WORK WITH THIS.
SKREEE!

I KNOW IT'S GROSS, BUT IT WORKS. I PROMISE!
GRR!
YOU'RE A SERANITH! YOU TASTE FRESH BLOOD AND MEAT ALL THE TIME!
ANIMAL BLOOD! NOT HUMAN! I AM A GOOD SERANITH!
THINK OF IT AS MEDICINAL! YOU WANT TO GET BETTER, DON'T YOU?
SIGH I'M GLAD MY OLD FATHER CAN'T SEE ME NOW.
SLURP!
SO HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE–
KZRAK!
HEY... THE PAIN'S GONE! I CAN STAND ON MY LEGS!
AND MY JOB HERE IS DONE!
NOW TO PUT SOME CLOTHES ON BEFORE MY MASCULINE WHALE BLUBBER DRIVES THE WOMEN MAD!

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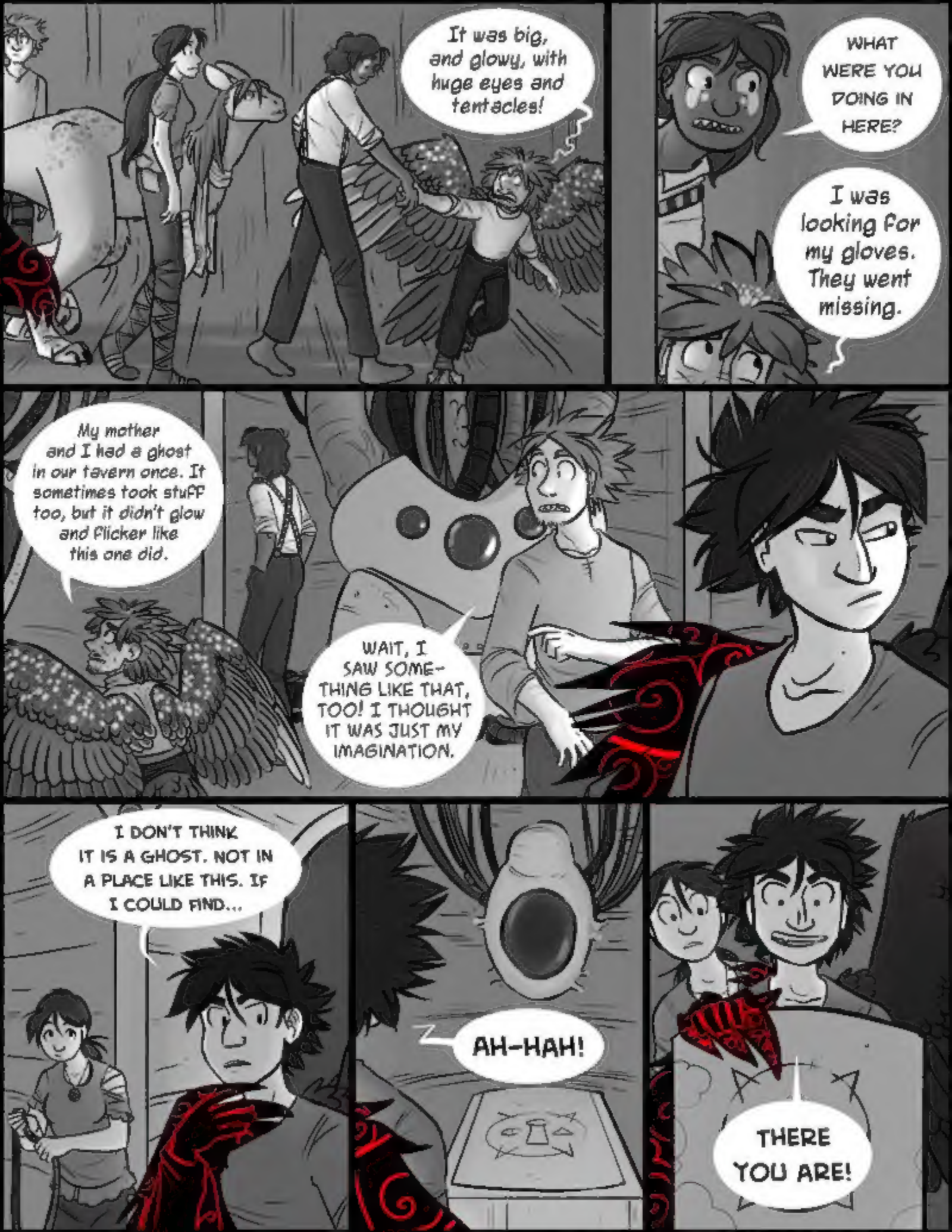
SO... WE'RE SURE HE'S THE SIXTH HEIR, RIGHT?
THE BOOK SEEMS TO THINK SO.
THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO KEEP HIM, DOESN'T IT?
HEY, BE NICE.
YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS ARE YOU?
SERIOUSLY THOUGH, IS THAT IT? URU AND I AREN'T LIKE THAT.
NO, IT'S NOT THAT... EXACTLY.
HE'S JUST SO... NICE! FUNNY! GOOD LOOKING!
FIVE MINUTES AS A HUMAN AND HE'S FRIENDS WITH HALF THE CREW, AND THE OTHER HALF HE'S HELPED WITH HIS POWERS!
THEY'RE YOUR FRIENDS TOO, RAVEN. YOU'VE HELPED THEM ALL OUT BEFORE.
BUT HOW DOES HE MAKE IT LOOK SO... EFFORTLESS?
HALLELUJAH, IT FEELS GOOD TO WEAR CLOTHES AGAIN!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
NOT TOO SHABBY FOR MY FIRST REAL OUTFIT IN A DECADE.
AAAAUUGH!
I DIDN'T THINK THE PURPLE AND GOLD SUSPENDERS WERE THAT BAD.
GHOST!


It was big, and glowy, with huge eyes and tentacles!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN HERE?
I was looking for my gloves. They went missing.
My mother and I had a ghost in our tavern once. It sometimes took stuff too, but it didn't glow and flicker like this one did.
WAIT, I SAW SOME-THING LIKE THAT, TOO! I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION.
I DON'T THINK IT IS A GHOST. NOT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS. IF I COULD FIND...
AH-HAH!
THERE YOU ARE!

I THOUGHT SO! THIS EXPLAINS SO MUCH! THAT STRANGE MAGICAL SIGNAL, THE 'GHOSTS'-
UH, HOW DO THESE FESTIVAL BAUBLES EXPLAIN ANYTHING?
THEY'RE NOT BAUBLES! THEY'RE PARTS IN A GIANT LIVING BODY!
SO YOU'RE RIPPING THEM OUT AND GIVING THEM TO ME. LOVELY.
I'M NOT HURTING IT, JUST... TWEAKING A FEW THINGS. IT'S AMAZING THIS MACHINE IS IN SUCH GOOD CONDITION.
SOMEHOW IT'S MANAGED TO HANG ON ALL THESE YEARS. THAT'S WHERE THE SIGNAL CAME FROM! THAT'S WHY THERE'S NO DUST OR MOOF NESTS IN THIS PLACE!
BUT IF IT'S ALIVE, WHAT'S IT BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME? WHAT DOES IT WANT?
SO WE'RE GOING TO ASK IT.
SKRITCH
HZZRIIEEEE
FZZPT!

WAIT, DON'T RUN! WE'RE NOT TRYING TO HURT YOU, WE JUST WANT TO TALK!
I know! I know, I'm sorry.
It's been so long since so many people could see me.
WHY DID YOU HIDE FROM US?
I was scared! This hologram takes power to maintain, and I don't have much left.
I was afraid of what Holly would do if I showed myself. What he would MAKE her do.
If he had the power now, he'd delete me just for talking to you.
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? AND WHO ARE YOU?
THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION!
HE'S BENJAMIN, OF COURSE! AND HE'S MY BEST FRIEND, SO EVERYONE BE NICE TO HIM OR I'LL BITE YOU!
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